

In the Specification

On page 9, please delete the paragraph spanning lines 10-18, and insert the following replacement paragraph:

Figure 3 shows the simulated frequency responses ~~22, 24~~ 20, 22 for the loudspeakers of Figures 1 and 2 as solid and dashed lines respectively. The acoustic response of the loudspeaker of Figure 1 has a significant drop in sound pressure level at the first resonant bending wave mode of the panel, namely at 100 Hz. By mounting the exciters along the nodal line for this mode, as in the loudspeaker of Figure 2, this mode is excited and thus the frequency response is smoothed.